

WANTON KILLING OF L. D. YEAGER

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

L. D. Yeager, one of the largest wool growers in northern Arizona and widely known throughout the west, was shot and instantly killed yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Bowler's watering place on the Agua Fria half mile south of Humboldt, by Alexander Deyardo, a Mexican shepherd. The first rifle bullet entered his left cheek coming out through the lobe of the right ear and the second entered the right breast two inches above the nipple passing through the body and out under the right shoulder blade. Deyardo fled immediately after the shooting and was captured an hour and a half later by Joe Cenci, Ben Mowdy, Deputy Sheriff Campbell and two others in the vicinity of the bridge over the Agua Fria river at Dewey.

Cold Blooded Murder.

The murder of Mr. Yeager was most cold-blooded and unprovoked. Mr. Yeager left Prescott yesterday morning taking the early train to Humboldt.

He went from there to Bowler's watering place where he found one band of his sheep mixed with a band belonging to C. C. Hutchinson. He noticed Deyardo, one of the herders of the Hutchinson flock intoxicated and armed with a rifle.

He took the rifle from Deyardo and unloaded it. Later he returned it to Deyardo and started with others to separate the mixed flocks.

Deyardo objected to the work and later without warning shot and killed Mr. Yeager. The foreman of the Hutchinson interests was present and a witness to the murder.

The news of the shooting was carried at once to Humboldt and Deputy Sheriff Campbell was soon in the saddle. Telephone messages were sent to Dewey and almost every man owning a rifle started in pursuit of the murderer.

Joe Cenci, saloonkeeper at Humboldt, mounted his horse and rode rapidly to Dewey where he secured a rifle. He was soon in sight of Deyardo, who was making his way north along the Agua Fria, armed with his rifle. He hailed Ben Mowdy of Humboldt, who was also in the man hunt and they soon got within shooting distance of the murderer and were joined by Deputy Sheriff Campbell and two others, they called on him to halt looking along the barrels of their cocked rifles.

Murderer Surrenders.

At first the Mexican refused to surrender but when called upon to lay down his weapon for the third and last time, he obeyed and was taken in custody.

Still Blood Thirsty.

While being taken to Humboldt he talked in a wild and incoherent manner and in one of his lucid moments

said, "I don't know why I killed Mr. Yeager, he was my best friend. I shot a man in Texas once and stood off thirty armed men. I don't know why I surrendered now. I wanted to kill four more men."

In Hilarious Mood.

Deyardo was lodged in the branch jail at Humboldt and brought to the county jail here last night. He was in a happy mood and showed not the slightest regret for his deed.

The wanton murder aroused the people of Dewey to a high pitch of excitement and it is believed that had any of the posser from that place come in touch with Deyardo while attempting to escape that he would have been summarily dealt with.

Too Much Booze.

Deyardo has been in the employ of C. C. Hutchinson many months. His late visit to Humboldt was the first time that he had visited a town in the last six months. He became violently intoxicated and had made considerable trouble at the sheep camp before the murder. Although he boasted of his prowess with the rifle he was apparently not feared by Mr. Yeager with whom he had been on the best of terms.

Victim Was Prominent.

Mr. Yeager was thirty-four years old. A wife and three daughters of tender years survive him. The news of the murder was immediately telephoned to his father in Phoenix. He was prominent in Masonic fraternities, holding membership in the Flagstaff Blue Lodge, Winslow Chapter and Prescott Commandery, Knights Templar. A. A. Johns and J. H. Robinson, members of the local commandery, left at once for Humboldt upon receipt of the news of the murder and escorted the body to the Ruffner undertaking parlors in this city where it will be prepared for shipment this morning to Phoenix for interment.

A Pathetic Feature.

A pathetic feature of the murder of Mr. Yeager is that Ben Yeager, one of his four brothers, with whom he was associated in business, is seriously ill in the Mercy hospital in Phoenix, recently submitting to an operation following a fall from his horse at Morristown. Ben Yeager's life was despaired of until after the operation. He is reported slowly recovering and it is believed will survive in the event that he is not informed of the tragic death of his brother.

No murder of recent years has aroused the people of all northern Arizona to such a high pitch of excitement as that of Mr. Yeager. He was one of the most popular men in the entire west enjoying the highest standing in business and social circles. The sympathy of all who knew him goes to the grief-stricken relatives in their deep bereavement.

THREE SENTENCED TO TERMS IN PRISON.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Monday afternoon when the jury returned to the court room after deliberating for a short time in the murder case against Yues Jarangu, bringing in a verdict of not guilty, Judge E. M. Doe in expressed his disapproval of the action. He said: "This is a most remarkable verdict, to say the least, and in giving such a verdict, in the face of the admission of the defendant that he was, under the law, guilty of manslaughter your usefulness as jurors in this court is terminated and you are discharged for the term."

Evidence of witnesses in this trial was to the effect that Jarangu and his victim, Ignacio Selano, were in a room in Jerome. Jarangu pulled a gun from his pocket and in doing so the weapon was discharged, inflicting a wound that proved fatal. Jarangu immediately left the place, and after a diligent search by Chief of Police Fred Hawkins and Officer John Hudgens was found in the Montana hotel several hours afterward. The grand jury found a true bill of murder, and the trial jury acquitted the alleged offender which was followed by the rebuke from the court.

Three prisoners were brought into court, and entering pleas of guilty, were sentenced as follows:

J. Stanford, forgery, one year in the territorial prison.

Angelino Vega, assault with a deadly weapon, one year.

Thomas Smith, grand larceny, one year in the penitentiary at Florence.

They were taken south yesterday afternoon by Sheriff Smith. The panel of trial jurors for the term is composed of the following: Clarence Eckert, James McWhorters, E. Neuman, Harry Haskins, Frank Clinesmith, William Crocker, C. E. Maxwell, J. F. Hamilton, Jules Baumann, M. V. Morrell, John Bristow, T. L. Guttery, William Schrader, W. A. Allen, C. J. Frenler, J. L. Davis, G. L. Human, B. H. Bowen, J. A. McGinn, D. R. McDonald, Gordon Clark, L. H. Johnson, A. H. Glenn, W. W. McCoy, W. L. Comer, A. S. Barnhart, T. W. King, B. F. Denny, R. E. Morgan, T. J. Evans, C. W.

DRY FARMING IS SELIGMAN SCENE CREATING GREAT INTEREST OF CUTTING FRAY

(From Friday's Daily.)

There are now 212 members of the Chamber of Commerce, according to the report of Treasurer Brown at the weekly meeting last night. This is the largest membership of any commercial organization in the territory.

A. W. Edwards turned in a check of \$30.50 which was a fund remaining in the treasury of the Yavapai Mine Operators' Association.

F. W. Foster reported upon the progress being made upon the road to Ash Fork, while the new road is dusty now, a rain will place it in excellent condition.

E. H. Meek, chairman of the dry farming committee, reported that an experiment in that line would soon be made at Yeager Siding and at Jerome Junction. By next Thursday night he would be able to make a more definite report.

One of the most interesting features of the meeting was the talk made by Larry Little upon the subject of dry farming. A month ago he had planted corn on his ranch near Jerome Junction and eight days later it was above the ground. He had double disced the ground before sowing, and had he known as much as he does now, he would have ploughed three inches deeper. The land that has been ploughed is twelve inches deep and it contains more moisture than any other part of his land. In conclusion he said that if Yaapai county does not provide good crops, it will not be the fault of the soil but of the men who do the farming.

E. H. Meek further reported that a gentleman from Pascoe, Washington, who had made a success of dry farming in that section, had recently visited the country around Prescott, and had declared that there was no reason why dry farming should not be successful here. The only problem was that of securing a supply of water for household purposes. J. M. W. Moore said that as a result of extended observations, he had reached the conclusion that for dry farming to be effective, the ground must be cultivated either in the late fall or early winter and that it should be sub-packed and harrowed.

A letter to President Fredericks from Robert Finnie was read, offering to contribute \$25 for the building of a good road from Camp Verde to Montezuma's Wells. If the secretary of the chamber could visit that district further subscriptions, the writer believed, could be obtained.

A communication was read stating that conditions upon which the Arizona Power Company and the Consolidated Telephone Company, would respectively supply electricity and telephones to the Summer Colony. A perpetual franchise is demanded, and the Chamber of Commerce is asked to secure a perpetual franchise over the streets leading to the colony. The matter was referred to the Summer Colony Committee with power to confer with the legal talent of the chamber, the said talent to receive no compensation.

Recently a joint invitation on the part of the Chamber of Commerce and the Yavapai Club was sent to the Board of Trade and the City Club of Phoenix, to visit to Prescott at the earliest date possible.

M. C. Harris, chief clerk of the traffic department of the S. F. & P. & P. stated that a telegram had been received that day to the effect that the Phoenix organizations had decided to come to Prescott on May 28, the date originally set for the excursion. The telegram had conveyed the further information that there was great enthusiasm in Phoenix in regard to the excursion. In this connection, Harry Heap suggested plans for the entertainment of the visitors, one of which was that the ladies of Prescott should provide a basket lunch under the pine trees, following an auto ride to the colony tract.

The proposition of Mr. Flood to distribute literature in Kansas City and St. Joe, Missouri, advertising the free lots, was laid upon the table.

P. P. Howard in a letter offered to paint a sign to be used at the Santa Fe depot at Phoenix, showing snow-capped mountains and bubbling brooks, for the sum of \$50. Referred to the Advertising Committee.

John T. Burns, secretary of the International Dry Farming Congress, in a letter called attention to the fact that the slogan "Prescott the Place to Live," had been used for the past two years by the Boulder, Colo. Commercial Association. Heap suggested that Boulder should change

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Following the cold-blooded murder of L. D. Yeager near Humboldt and that of "Kid" Kirby in this city and with the perpetrators of both atrocious crimes in the custody of the officers, news reached here last evening of another affray that promises to result in a fatality from Seligman, where Jose Alteremene was seriously stabbed by Manuel Florez. The latter escaped in the direction of Ash Fork and is being pursued by Deputy Sheriff Frank Burnell with Deputy Sheriff F. F. Bartlett of Ash Fork scouring the country between Ash Fork and Seligman in hopes of coming in touch with the fugitive. Since the cutting of Alteremene and the news of the murder of L. D. Yeager reached Seligman, where he was well known, several others have joined in the chase after Florez and at midnight news was received from Seligman that the manhunt was one of the most strenuous ever started from that town.

The cutting was the culmination of a quarrel in which a number of intoxicated Mexican shepherders and section hands were involved. After the stabbing of Alteremene it was impossible to get any information from the Mexicans of the identity of the perpetrator. It was later learned that Florez was the guilty one only after he had escaped to the hills in the direction of Ash Fork and had a start of several miles. Officer Burnell telegraphed at once Officer Bartlett at Ash Fork and left on the trail of the fugitive. He traced Florez several miles in the direction of Ash Fork before sunset and continued the hunt through the night. Bartlett left Ash Fork in the direction of Seligman with a view of intercepting Florez and last night several residents of both towns joined in the chase.

It is believed that the fugitive is heading for wood camps in the cedars south of Ash Fork.

Alteremene was brought to the county hospital arriving on the 3 o'clock train this morning. Little hopes are entertained for his recovery.

ASSASSIN OF "KID" KIRBY HELD TO GRAND JURY.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Judge C. H. McLane yesterday, conducted an inquest over the body of "Kid" Kirby, who was shot and killed on Montezuma street Tuesday afternoon, by "Bill" Campbell, before a jury composed of the following citizens: Ben Silverman, Floyd Allen, Thomas Nolan, Harry Thomas, C. A. Peter, Jr., and N. Morrell. Examinations of several witnesses were had, after which the jury returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death from gunshot wounds inflicted by Campbell with the intent to commit murder. The examination was concluded at eleven o'clock.

During the afternoon Campbell had his preliminary examination before Judge McLane and was bound over to the grand jury without bail. The accused murderer was present and his only statement was that he did not desire to say anything until he had secured an attorney. He was remanded to his cell in the jail and his demeanor indicated that he did not seem to appreciate the enormity of his crime.

STRAWBERRIES FOR ALL.

ROSEBURG, Ore., May 12.—Roseburg opened her third annual strawberry carnival today to emphasize her claim to being the center of the finest strawberry-raising country in the world. Hundreds of visitors poured into the city from every direction and were given their fill of plain strawberries, strawberries and cream and strawberry shortcake. The city is decorated as never before in her history. The carnival program covers three days and is replete with attractive features in the way of parades, band concerts, outdoorsports and illuminations.

its motto to "The Place to Leave," and come to Prescott.

President Fredericks reported that an easement had been executed to the city over the colony ground and that the document would be delivered to the city authorities.

Several communications were read—one from a woman urging that a city drinking fountain be provided for dogs; another from the Russell Sage Foundation advocating a sane Fourth of July, and a third from the Agricultural Experiment station of the University of Arizona offering to sell pamphlets upon agriculture at the sum of five cents each. These were referred to proper committees, and the meeting stood adjourned.

FOUL MURDER OF "KID" KIRBY BY A COLORED BOOTBLACK

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Walking north on Montezuma street yesterday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock Ernest Cresti, known as "Kid Kirby," was assassinated by "Bill" Campbell, negro. Eye witnesses pronounced the shooting among the most cold-blooded in the history of Northern Arizona. Kirby was shot in the back without warning, dying less than three minutes later without uttering a word. The bullet entered under the left shoulder blade and coming out in front penetrated the muscles of the left forearm. Campbell was arrested by John Hudgens, night officer of Jerome who was in front of the court house at the time of the killing. He was locked in the county jail and appears unconcerned as to the enormity of his crime.

Fired in Cold Blood.

A few moments before he was murdered, Kirby was standing in front of Ed Block's establishment conversing with Mr. Block about the price of a suit of clothes in the display window. He left and before he reached the Palace hotel Mr. Block noticed Campbell run rapidly in the same direction.

Campbell was within less than fifteen feet of Kirby and immediately in front of the Palace barber shop when he crouched low and fired at Kirby without warning.

He fired two shots in rapid succession, the first finding its mark and the second going wild.

Kirby shouted and jumped to the street followed by the negro.

Drops Dead in His Tracks.

Kirby ran about thirty yards and fell before reaching the curb on the plaza side. He attempted to rise and the negro again raised his Iver-Johnson pistol of 38 caliber to fire but desisted on shouts from the crowd attracted by the shooting.

Seeing that Kirby was helpless he turned the weapon on men coming across the street and while threatening them to stand back, Officer Hudgens arrived on the scene and with pistol drawn ordered the murderous negro to throw up his hands.

Negro Surrenders.

Campbell did so, still holding the smoking weapon in his right hand.

"Drop the gun quick," said Hudgens calmly, looking along the barrel of his cocked weapon. Seeing sure death staring him in the face the negro wilted and dropped his pistol surrendering to Hudgens and Under Sheriff Charles Raible, who came running across the plaza from the sheriff's office. The negro was soon safe behind the bars of the county jail.

Crime Was Premeditated.

That the murder of "Kid Kirby" was premeditated by Campbell there is no doubt.

Trouble started between them three nights ago in the Union saloon on Granite street where the "Kid" was employed as a bartender and where Campbell claims to have lost some money in a "Black Jack" game.

It appears that after being "fleece" out of his coin, as he says, Campbell gave Kirby a check for \$20 on one of the local banks. When the bank opened the following morning Campbell is alleged to have stopped payment on the check.

Assaulted By Kirby.

Chagrined because payment of the check was stopped Kirby, on Monday evening at 5:45 o'clock, approached Campbell from behind while passing in front of "Barney's Place," at the corner of Granite and Goodwin streets, and struck the negro under the left ear with a pair of "knuckles," escaping into the saloon.

The blow did not fell Campbell and he waited in front of the door until the arrival of Thomas McMahon, night officer.

Campbell asked the officer to arrest Kirby, who was inside, and Kirby demanded the arrest of the negro on the charge of passing a worthless check, declaring that the check was in the possession of Justice of the Peace McLane.

Officer McMahon told both Kirby and Campbell to quit fighting and get warrants for their arrest and peace was restored for the time.

Threatens to Kill.

Campbell left and it appears continued drinking. During the forenoon yesterday the negro informed L. N. Bailey, proprietor of the Palace barber shop, where he was employed as bootblack, that he had purchased a gun to kill Kid Kirby.

Mr. Bailey remonstrated with him calling his attention to the seriousness of the crime, telling him that it meant that his neck would be stretched for it, or he would be compelled to spend the remainder of his life in prison. The negro then told Mr. Bailey that he contemplated the purchase of a new suit of clothes at the Block establishment and they walked together to Mr. Block's place where Mr. Bailey encouraged him to buy the clothes suggesting at the same time that he forget the Kirby incident, quit drinking and return to work. They parted and Mr. Bailey did not see Campbell again until he was started upon looking through the front door of the barber shop to see the negro fire the fatal shot at Kirby from behind.

Campbell's Career.

Campbell arrived here a few months

ago from Yuma. He is a bootblack by occupation. He is about six feet three inches in height and of athletic build. He was employed at the shop the last two months.

Kirby's Bad Record.

"Kid Kirby" was widely known throughout the southwest and California as a prizefighter. He was of the light middleweight class. He was shot and seriously wounded in a Tucson resort last year but recovered a few months ago and returned here engaging as bartender in the Union saloon, one of the Redlight resorts. He was arrested a short time ago and fined \$75 for beating a female inmate of the district. He was a native of Italy and has no immediate relatives in Arizona.

A Concise Verdict.

His remains were taken in charge by Lester Ruffner, undertaker, to be prepared for interment. The coroner's jury impelled in the case returned a verdict that he came to his death from a gunshot wound inflicted by Bill Campbell, colored.

JUDGE DOE ORDERS

GRAND JURY DRAWN.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Judge E. M. Doe yesterday announced that a regular grand jury would be convened in Prescott on Monday, May 22, for the purpose of investigating the murders of L. D. Yeager and Ernest Presti (Kid Kirby) who were slain on Tuesday afternoon the former near Humboldt, and the latter in this city. While this legal body is called for a special purpose, incidentally any other criminal actions may also receive consideration. Judge Doe also stated that under the law he could not call a grand jury at an earlier date, the statutes requiring ten days notice to be given after the names are officially drawn. Accordingly the grand jury will be drawn this afternoon by those officials who are designated by law to perform the duty.

The promptness with which Judge Doe has acted in this important matter was commented upon favorably by all citizens yesterday in view of the extraordinary crimes.

Three Sentenced.

During the day a brief session of the district court was held, when three indicted men pleaded guilty. They were Walter Sutton for burglarizing the home of Mrs. Williamson in this city, who received a sentence of 18 months in the penitentiary; W. G. Wills, for burglary committed at Ramsgate, one year in the penitentiary.

Oaks Pleads Guilty.

A. O. Oaks, who pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree, received a sentence of twenty-five years in the penitentiary. In the case of Oaks, it will be recalled he shot and killed Georgia Brown on Granite street, and wounded Private Kimbro, of the 18th Infantry, on January 19 last. He then turned the gun on himself and sent a bullet through the fore part of his head. His case was presented to the last grand jury and he was indicted on the charge of murder. Yesterday when his case was called for trial, he entered a plea of guilty of murder in the second degree, which was recommended by the district attorney to the court and which was accepted. Kimbro, the main prosecuting witness, is said to be in Texas on duty with his regiment, and could not possibly be secured to testify. One of the extenuating circumstances favoring Oaks is his present physical condition, suffering as he is from wounds inflicted by himself, and which it is believed will terminate fatally in a short time.

The three convicts were taken to the penitentiary yesterday afternoon by Sheriff J. W. Smith and Deputy Sheriff Joe Young.

VICTIM OF FIGHT IS NOT SERIOUSLY INJURED.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Jose Alteremene, the victim of the stabbing affray at Seligman, Tuesday afternoon, arrived on the 3 o'clock train yesterday morning and was taken to the county hospital a few hours later. An examination of his wounds show that he is not as badly injured as first reported and that he will recover. The most serious cut is a gash two inches long on the chest.

After his arrival from Seligman, Alteremene failed to meet the ambulance at the depot and walked up town. He was found later and taken to the institution.

The affray appears to have been the climax to a heated discussion about the merits of the insurrection in Mexico.

At midnight no word was received at the sheriff's office from Deputies Burnell and Bartlett who are hunting for Manuel Florez, assailant of Alteremene. It is believed that he is in hiding near some of the wood camps in the cedars south of Ash Fork.